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Ten Canadian scientists and scholars win Killam Research Fellowships

Ottawa, February 22, 2007 – Ten outstanding Canadian researchers have been awarded a total of $700,000 in the 40th annual competition for Killam Research Fellowships, administered by the Canada Council for the Arts.

Among Canada's most distinguished research awards, the Canada Council for the Arts Killam Research Fellowships are made possible by a bequest of Mrs. Dorothy J. Killam and a gift she made before her death in 1965. The awards support scholars engaged in research projects of outstanding merit in the humanities, social sciences, natural sciences, health sciences, engineering and interdisciplinary studies within these fields.

Killam Research Fellowships, with a value of $70,000 a year, enable Canada's best scientists and scholars to devote two years to full-time research. The fellowships are awarded to the individual recipients, but the funds are paid to and administered by universities or research institutes. The recipients are chosen by the Killam Selection Committee, which comprises 15 eminent scientists and scholars representing a broad range of disciplines.

After considering 74 applications, the Killam Selection Committee chose the following 10 researchers as new Killam Research Fellows for 2007:

Chemistry and Biochemistry

Lipkowski, Jacek, University of Guelph: *Model Biomembranes at Electrode Surfaces*

English Literature

Magnusson, Lynne, University of Toronto: *Early Modern Letter-Writing in English, 1535-1635: Language, Culture, and Related Literature*

Environmental Studies

Turner, Nancy J., University of Victoria: *First Peoples, Landscapes and Time: Loss and Renewal in Ecocultural Diversity*

History

Hébert, Michel, Université du Québec à Montréal: *Les célébrations parlementaires à la fin du Moyen Âge : rituels et représentations*

Mathematics

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Perkins, Edwin A., University of British Columbia: *Interactive Branching Population Models*

Physics & Astronomy

Gaulin, Bruce D., McMaster University: *Neutron Scattering Studies of Exotic Magnetic Ground States in New Materials*

Harris, William E., McMaster University: *The Formation and Early Evolution of Giant Galaxies*

Political Studies

Moggach, Douglas, University of Ottawa: *Political Theory, Aesthetics, and Modern Subjectivity*

Psychology

Meinertzhagen, Ian A., Dalhousie University: *The Eye of Drosophila: Studying Neural Genes by Novel Means*

Sociology

Lyon, David, Queen's University: *National Identification (ID) Schemes: Registering, Classifying and Sorting Citizens*

General information

The Canada Council for the Arts is celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2007. In addition to its principal role of promoting and fostering the arts in Canada, the Council administers and awards a number of distinguished prizes in the arts, humanities, social sciences, natural sciences, health sciences and engineering. Among these are the Killam Prizes, the Canada Council for the Arts Molson Prizes, the John G. Diefenbaker Awards, the Governor General's Literary Awards, the Governor General's Awards in Visual and Media Arts and the Walter Carsen Prizes for Excellence in the Performing Arts.

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